

September 7, 1956

To: Dr. Milligan; Mr. Lett.
From: FR Glatt.
Subj: White Citizens Councils.

1. Referring to Staff Memo dated June 18, 1956, which asked for reports of any significant information relative to "White Citizens Councils, see the following report:
2. FR took phone call at DAD office from a Mr. George Slaten, 51 South Munn Ave., Newark. (Phone book lists J. N. Slaten, 51 South Munn Ave., Newark -- ESsex 3-0338)

Mr. Slaten is Negro. He told of a four page newspaper placed on his doorstep. This newspaper is a publication of the White Citizens Council of Jackson, Mississippi. It states it is dedicated to the maintenance of good order and wishes to awaken the nation to the "common danger." It is enthusiastic about the response, that there are White Citizens Councils in some 30 states, including New Jersey.

Mr. Slaten reports the newspaper is violently anti-Negro, and links many Negro notables to the Communists.

3. Mr. Slaten asked if his civil rights had not been violated by the incident of this hate sheet being placed on his doorstep. FR speculated with Mr. Slaten that the newspaper might be improper if sent through the mails, and its substance might also be subject to legal question, but the act of putting it on a person's doorstep might involve no more than an act of trespass in which the culprit, probably a school-kid making a few dollars, would have little to do with the originating publisher.
4. FR then advised Mr. Slaten of the DAD's and other law enforcement agencies' continuing interest in these White Citizens Councils and their organizational and other activities. FR asked Mr. Slaten to forward this newspaper to the DAD office for study, which Mr. Slaten promised to do.

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